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1. The East German Reichsbahn R Ryn flatcars have six axles and an 80-ton load capacity. Experience indicates that these flatcars travel heavy on the roadbed. A decision was made to limit the maximum number of R Ryn cars to fifteen in one train. A normal train in East Germany is usually made up of 40 or 50 freight or other cars. A train of 15 R Ryn flatcars cannot exceed 55 km. per hour as its maximum speed. This speed has to be reduced greatly on curves because of the poor center of gravity of the R Ryn flatcars.

1 Comment: Reported as received; probably should read RRyn.

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